UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Over load in Transport Vehicles.

1. **MR. K. A. MOHAMED** (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*): Will the Govern ment be pleased to state whether they have allowed the Transpor authorities to overload the vehicles 2 or 3 times more than they ar licensed to carry?

MR. E. G. SALTER (*Director of Transport*): No.

Public and Private markets in the State.

2. **MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state.

(*a*) whether they are aware that in both the public and private markets in the State there is illegal and oppressive collection of dues from the villagers who resort to such markets; and

(*b*) if not, will the Government be pleased to make enquiry into this matter?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes; when specific complaints are received.

Arabic Munshi Examination.

3. **MR. K. A. MOHAMED**: Will the Government be pleased to state why they have decided to suspend the conduct of the Arabic Munshi Examinations?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Paucity of candidates for the Examination and the availability of qualified hands for appointment as Arabic Munshies.

Arabic Munshies

4. **MR. K. A. MOHAMED**: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Arabic Munshies appointed in (1) Malayalam Primary schools (2) Malayalam Middle schools and (3) English Schools in the current year and in 1118?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON:

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Malayalam Primary Schools	2	4
Malayalam Middle Schools	1	...
English Schools	...	...

Conversion of paddy lands into garden lands.

5. **MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that in recent years large areas of paddy lands have been converted into garden lands;

(*b*) whether they have any statistics *re* paddy lands converted into garden lands; and

(*c*) whether any steps have been taken to prevent such conversion?

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MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) In view of the answer to (*a*) there was no occasion to take any such steps.

Paddy Cultivation.

6. **MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE**: Will the Government be pleased to state how many acres were set apart for paddy cultivation, how many acres of this were actually cultivated and if any area remains uncultivated the reasons for not cultivating the area?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: It is not clear what is meant by area set apart for paddy cultivation. The total area of land registered as wet land in the State is 6,00,457·88 acres. Almost the whole of this area is cultivated according to the usual crop rotation.

Import of Cattle into Travancore.

7. **MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI** (*Tovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware:

1. (*a*) that the ryots of Nanjinad were all along depending for the plough and cart cattle on the adjoining British Indian Districts;

(*b*) that on account of the prohibition imposed by the Madras Government against the import of cattle into Travancore from such districts there is already a serious dearth of such cattle in Nanjinad;

(*c*) that such dearth of cattle has already begun to seriously affect paddy cultivation;

2. if they are not aware, will they be pleased to make immediate enquiries on the subject and ascertain the real condition now prevailing; and

3. will they be pleased to make immediate and strong representation to the British Indian Government and have this prohibition removed before the condition of the paddy cultivation in Nanjinad becomes still worse?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: 1. (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

2. In view of the answers to (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) this does not arise.

3. Necessary action has already been taken as the result of which a Joint Board in which Travancore also is represented will consider the question shortly.

Midwives and Nurses.

8. **MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware:

(*a*) that at present there are not sufficient number of midwives and nurses available in the State especially for service in the villages; and

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